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EXPORT OF GRAPES AND CHIKOO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of grapes and chikoo from Maharashtra has been increased as compared to previous years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and countries to which exports were made;

(c) whether Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APFPDA), has been imparting training to farmers for the new technique of production of grapes and chikoo; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of programmes conducted by APFPDA for training of farmers and to what extent this programme is likely to boost export of these items?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & b): State-wise export statistics is not maintained and therefore the exact level of exports from Maharashtra could not be assessed and compared. The total exports of grapes and chikoo from the country during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 have been as follows:

GRAPES

Year	Qty (in M.Ts.)	Value (in Rs. Lakhs)
1997-98	23679	6452
1998-99	11382	3709
1999-2000	14005	5514

CHIKOO

Year	Qty (in M.Ts.)	Value (in Rs. Lakhs)
1997-98	2650	292
1998-99	1049	137
1999-2000	1572	243

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta/APEDA, New Delhi.

The countries to which grapes and chikoos were exported from India include Bangladesh, Bahrain,Hongkong, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, the Netherlands, UAE and UK .

(c) & (d) : The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has organised integrated training programmes for grapes in Maharashtra and for Chikoo in Gujarat during the last three years. The training programme includes adoption of better techniques relating to pre-harvest management, harvesting, post-harvest management and pesticide residue management in order to improve quality of production. A total of 10 training programmes for grapes have been conducted in Maharashtra and one for chikoo in Gujarat. These training programmes have generally helped in improving the quality of the produce and increasing the volume of exports.